

Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago

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Week of December 15 — December 21, 2024

WELCOME TO THE INTERFAITH AIRPORT CHAPELS OF CHICAGO!



The O'Hare Airport Chapel and Midway Airport Chapel are each a peaceful oasis in a busy venue. A place to bow your head in prayer while lifting up your heart and spirit! Prayer books and rugs, rosaries, and worship materials are available, as are chaplains for spiritual counsel. You are welcome to attend Mass or Worship services and to come to the chapels (open 24/7) to pray or meditate. Know that you & your families are always in my prayers. May God bless your travels. — **Fr. Michael Zaniolo**

Administrator, Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago
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Interfaith Calendar & Events

• **Yalda**, a Zoroastrian observance, this Saturday, **Dec. 21**, celebrates the longest night of the year, after which the days start getting longer, symbolizing the triumph of light and goodness over darkness and evil. It is celebrated with family reunions and feasting, the telling of stories and the reading of poetry. • **Winter Feast**, this Saturday, **Dec. 21**, is a feast of the Woodland Indians, a sharing of food with the spirits of winter. • Source: The 2024 Interfaith Calendar, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago

2024 HOLY DAY MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE



Schedule of Catholic Masses

Tuesday, December 24 — **Christmas Eve**: 4:00 p.m. ORD

Wednesday, December 25 — **Christmas Day**:

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. ORD & MDW

Solemnity of Mary, Mater Dei

Tuesday, December 31 (Vigil) — 4:00 p.m. ORD

Wednesday, January 1 — 11:30 a.m. ORD; 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. MDW

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Schedule of Holiday Protestant Worship:

Wednesday, December 25 — **Christmas Day**:

10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:30 p.m. MDW

Wednesday, January 1 — 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:30 p.m. MDW



Chapel Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

• Birthday blessing go out to **Mr. Stephen Culen** this Monday, **Dec. 16**, and to **Dr. Christine Lawless** this Saturday, **Dec. 21**.

ORD Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

12/14/24 4:00 p.m. • Those Discerning a Religious Vocation req. Scott DeBoer
6:00 p.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory req. by Scott DeBoer

12/15/24 9:00 a.m. • People Battling Cancer req. by Scott DeBoer
11:00 a.m. † Francis & Jean Heger req. by Marcine & John Forrette, Jr.

12/16/24 11:30 a.m. † Adam Joab Alwyn req. by Alwyn Joshy
12/17/24 11:30 a.m. † Bernard Raymond Berclik req. by Judith Berclik
12/18/24 11:30 a.m. † Brian J. Allen req. by Katherine L. Allen
12/19/24 11:30 a.m. † Richard Carl Berclik req. by Judith Berclik
12/20/24 11:30 a.m. • Intentions of Holy Ghost Parish

MDW Airport Chapel Catholic Mass Intentions

12/15/24 9:00 a.m. • Johnston Family req. by Scott DeBoer
11:00 a.m. † John Wenzel req. by Emma Wenzel

• Denotes Living/Special Intention † Denotes Deceased/Memorial

MDW Airport Chapel

Concourse C, Mezzanine Level
(Inside Security Checkpoint)

Catholic Mass: Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP:

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

WEEKDAYS—MONDAY - FRIDAY, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.

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ORD Airport Chapel

Terminal 2, Mezzanine Level
(Outside Security Checkpoint)

Catholic Mass: Saturdays - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sundays - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays - 11:30 a.m.

Islamic Juma' Prayer

Friday: 1:15 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP—See Website for Schedule

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Third Sunday of Advent — December 15, 2024

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

— Zephaniah 3:15b

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "**Gaudete Sunday**." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work. Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy. This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (**Zephaniah 3:14-18a**). **Psalm** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6). **Second Reading** — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (**Philippians 4:4-7**). **Gospel** — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (**Luke 3:10-18**).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Mt 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy. Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams! — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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This Week in the Life of the Church — Feast Days and Notable Events in Church History

The choice of heroes, models and leaders can have a lasting effect on our development, and the Church has always honored the example of holiness set by the saints. In these brief sketches, we commemorate our sisters and brothers in Christ who have shaped the life of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Letters following entries refer to the bibliography below.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent is called "*Gaudete*" ("Rejoice") Sunday, so called from the opening word of the Introit (the antiphon of the Roman Gradual. *Gaudete*, taken from the Latin translation of Phil 4:4, sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming, as do the permitted rose-colored vestments.

✦ **We Remember: ST. MARY DI ROSA (1813-1855)** founded the **Handmaids of Charity of Brescia**. By the age of 23, she was supervising hospital wards, ministering to cholera victims during the epidemic of 1836. Her compassion towards the abandoned girls of the streets caused her to build a house for them, and she also started a school for the deaf and mute handicapped. (D)

Monday, December 16, 2024

✦ **We Remember: ST. ADELAIDE (931-999)** was the daughter of the king of Burgundy, who in 947 married Lothair II, son of Hugh, King of Italy. After Lothair's death in 950, Adelaide was captured, imprisoned and treated with great brutality by Berengarius, margrave of Ivrea, because she refused to marry his son. She escaped in 951, taking refuge in Canossa. The emperor, Otto the Great, came to her rescue, and in the same year they were married. She was crowned empress in 962. Again left a widow (973), she was ill-treated by her son and daughter-in-law. St. Majolus, the abbot of Cluny, succeeded in bringing about a reconciliation in 983, and Adelaide was named viceroy of Italy. She played an important part in government during the minority of Otto III with Otto II's widow Theophano, and was a prominent supporter of the Cluniac reform movement. Throughout her life she received strong support from the abbots of Cluny, with whom she was on terms of close friendship. She founded monasteries, restored convents, and worked for the conversion of the Slavic people, whose movements on the eastern frontier troubled her closing years before she finally returned to Burgundy. Death overtook her at a monastery she had founded at Seltz, on the Rhine near Strasburg, - Dec. 16, 999. St. Adelaide was canonized c. 1097. (D,B, L, Concise Encyclopedia of Middle Ages, H.R. Loyn.)

• **POSADAS CELEBRATION:** In Mexico, and among Mexican-Americans, the celebration of *Posadas*, meaning "shelter," is a highlight of the pre-Christmas season. In imitation of Joseph and Mary's search for shelter, pilgrims knock on doors and ask for shelter on this night and every night until December 24. These are nights of parties and celebration in people's homes. Perform an Advent act of love for Christ today by doing something for all those who lack Posadas, the homeless of our time. Also a day to view all who come to your door as holy pilgrims. (A)

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

✦ **We Remember: ST. OLYMPIAS (c. 361-408)** was called by St. Gregory Nazianzen "*the glory of widows in the Eastern Church.*" Born of a wealthy family in Constantinople, she inherited a vast fortune and was considered attractive in person and character. St. John Chrysostom took St. Olympias and her disciples under his protection after she was widowed. She built a hospital and orphanages; her listing of friends reads like a litany of saints. (B,D) ✦ In 1187, the death of Pope Gregory VIII. He hoped to bring about peace in Europe so a Crusade could be launched to recapture Jerusalem, but died two months after his election. (W)

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

✦ **We Remember: ST. FLANNAN (7th c.)** was the son of Turlough, a chieftain of Thomond. He was educated by a monk who taught him not only letters, but also "to plow, sow, reap, grind, winnow, and bake for the monks." He was consecrated bishop by Pope John IV, at Rome, during the saint's pilgrimage there. He returned to Killaloe as its first bishop. In the *Lives of the Saints* we learn that "the exhortations and teaching of Bishop Flannan caused his father Turlough to become a monk under St. Colman at Lismore.

✦ In 1985, the death of **CATHERINE DEHEUCK DOHERTY** in Combermere, Ontario, Canada. She was a Russian countess who emigrated to North America and became involved in many Catholic social services. She founded **Friendship House** in Toronto in the 1930's to promote both international and interracial justice. Ms. Doherty then moved to the U.S. and opened houses in New York City and Chicago. In 1947, she returned to Canada and founded the **Madonna House Apostolate** in Combermere as a successor program to Friendship House. Its members take lifetime promises to serve and include both priests and laypeople. Ms. Doherty was also an author on social justice.

Thursday, December 19, 2024

✦ **We Remember: ST. ANASTASIUS I: St. Jerome**, speaking of today's saint, said that "*Rome did not deserve to possess him for long.*" St. Anastasius succeeded Pope Siricius as Supreme Pontiff of the Church upon election on Nov. 27, 399. A man of extreme poverty and apostolic solicitude, St. Anastasius stopped the spread of errors attributed to Origen by convening a synod in 400. His friends and advisors included St. Paulinus and St. Augustine. (D,B)

Friday, December 20, 2024

✦ **We Remember: SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS (1000-1073).** Dominic became a Benedictine and eventually prior of the great abbey of San Millán de la Cogolla, where he came into conflict with King García III of Navarre, by whom he was exiled from the kingdom. King Ferdinand of Old Castile received him kindly and sent him as abbot to restore the old monastery of St. Sebastian - now St. Dominic - of Silos. The saint was most successful in this task and was responsible for a virtual rebuilding of the abbey. Dominic was a lover of arts, and the scriptorium of his abbey produced under his inspiration the best specimens of Spanish Christian art. The cloisters of the abbey - a gem of Romanesque architecture - stand to this day as the best monument to his enterprise. (B)

Saturday, December 21, 2024

✦ **We Remember: ST. PETER CANISIUS:** A native of Holland, Peter (1521-1597) became a Jesuit in 1543 and became the leader of the *counter-Reformation* in German lands, being constantly engaged in preaching, teaching, writing, instructing, advising and arbitrating, in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Bohemia and Poland. His short catechism in Latin and German had passed through two hundred editions before his death, and was translated into 12 European languages. He also wrote theological, ascetical and historical treatises. He has been rightly called "The Second Apostle of Germany." He was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church in 1925. (B)

• In 1118, the birth of **St. Thomas Becket** in London. Close friend of King Henry II, he became Chancellor of England and was later named Archbishop of Canterbury. This brought clashes with the King and Becket's eventual murder in the Canterbury Cathedral December 29, 1170. (W)

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The "O Antiphons" of Advent are ancient verses used the week before Christmas as part of the Liturgy of the Hours. These verses form the basis of the Advent hymn, "**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**," put to music in 15th century France. The "O Antiphons" make a wonderful addition to grace before meals or at bedtime.

Dec. 17 - O WISDOM, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care; come and show your people the way to salvation.

Dec. 18 - O SACRED LORD of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain; come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

Dec. 19 - O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you; come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Dec. 20 - O KEY OF DAVID, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven; come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

Dec. 21 - O RADIANT DAWN, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice; come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Dec. 22 - O KING of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of humanity; come and save the creature you fashioned out of dust.

Dec. 23 - O EMMANUEL, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people; come and set us free, Lord our God.

ADVENT is a Latin word meaning a coming or arrival, like the Greek word *parousia*, and refers to the coming of the Lord. The Advent season begins the new Church liturgical year on the fourth Sunday, before Christmas, which falls between Nov. 27 and Dec. 3 (Dec. 1 this year).

EMMANUEL (or IMMANUEL) is a Hebrew word meaning *God is with us*. Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet, recorded the Lord's promise to come to us to rule with peace and justice. In Jesus, God came to live among us.

MESSIAH is the Hebrew title meaning *anointed one, chosen one*, like the Greek word *Christ*.

SON OF DAVID is the title for a descendant of the great Old Testament Jewish king, David, from whose family and town (Bethlehem) the Lord God would raise up the Messiah.



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